IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1.   **(Currently Amended)**   A method of configuring automatic responses to incoming email messages, comprising:

    enabling configuration of a plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages**, each of the plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages** tailored for a type of the incoming email messages;

    examining the incoming email messages to determine the type; and

    responding to the incoming email messages with one of the plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages**, the one of the plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages** selected according to the type of the incoming email message.

2.   (Original)   The method according to Claim 1 wherein examining the incoming email messages further comprises flagging the email messages according to the type.

3.   (Original)   The method according to Claim 1 wherein the type includes a plurality of internal mail types.

4.   (Original)   The method according to Claim 1 wherein the type includes one of an internal mail type and an external mail type.

5.   (Original)   The method according to Claim 4 wherein the external mail type comprises at least one of a plurality of defined domains.

6.   (Original)   The method according to Claim 4 wherein the internal mail type comprises at least one of a plurality of defined internal organizations.

7.   **(Currently Amended)**   The method according to Claim 1 wherein enabling configuration of the plurality of automated response[[s]] **email messages** further comprises enabling users to configure the plurality of automated response[[s]] **email messages** via a user interface.

8.   **(Currently Amended)**   An article comprising a machine-accessible medium having stored thereon instructions that, when executed by a machine, cause the machine to:

      enable configuration of a plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages**, each of the plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages** tailored for a type of the incoming email messages;

      examine the incoming email messages to determine the type; and

      respond to the incoming email messages with one of the plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages**, the one of the plurality of automatic response[[s]] **email messages** selected according to the type of the incoming email message.

9. (Original) The article according to Claim 8 wherein the instructions that cause the machine to examine the incoming email messages further comprises instructions that cause the machine to flag the email messages according to the type.

10. (Original) The article according to Claim 8 wherein the type includes a plurality of internal mail types.

11. (Original) The article according to Claim 8 wherein the type includes one of an internal mail type and an external mail type.

12. (Original) The article according to Claim 11 wherein the external mail type comprises at least one of a plurality of defined domains.

13. (Original) The article according to Claim 11 wherein the internal mail type comprises at least one of a plurality of defined internal organizations.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The article according to Claim 8 wherein the instructions that enable configuration of the plurality of automated response[[s]] **email messages** further comprises instructions that enable users to configure the plurality of automated response[[s]] **email messages** via a user interface.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A system for configuring automatic responses to incoming email messages, comprising:

a user interface capable of accepting input data to configure at least one of a first automatic response **email message** and a second automatic response **email message** to the incoming email messages;

a mail sender filter capable of examining the incoming email messages to determine a type of the email messages;

a first email responder capable of sending out the first automatic ~~email~~ response **email message** based the type of the **incoming** email messages; and

a second email responder capable of sending out the second automatic ~~email~~ response **email message** based on the type of the **incoming** email messages.

16.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 15 wherein the mail sender filter is further capable of flagging the email messages according to the type.

17.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 15 wherein the first mail responder includes an internal mail responder.

18.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 15 wherein the type includes a plurality of internal mail types.

19.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 15 wherein the second mail responder includes an external mail responder.

20.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 15 wherein the type includes one of an internal mail type and an external mail type.

21.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 20 wherein the external mail type comprises at least one of a plurality of defined domains.

22.   (Original)   The system according to Claim 20 wherein the internal mail type includes at least one of a plurality of internal organizations.